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TO: **ALL SCHOOL AGENCIES**

SUBJECT: **1959 SURVIVOR PREMIUMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011**

The CalPERS Board of Administration approved the required premiums for the School 5th Level pool of the 1959 Survivor Program on June 16, 2010. The 1959 Survivor Benefit Program is an employer contract provision that provides monthly benefits for eligible survivors of participating members who die while actively employed.

The employee premium for the 1959 Survivor Program is defined in the Public Employees' Retirement Law to be \$2.00 per member per month until the total required premium for the benefit level exceeds \$4.00 per member per month. Once the total premium required exceeds \$4.00, the premium is shared equally by the employer and employee.

The required employee premium will remain at \$2.00 per month for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

There is no required employer premium for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

The required employer and employee premiums for the 1959 Survivor Program may vary from year to year due to investment returns and mortality gains and losses experienced by the pool. The funded ratio of the School 5th Level pool is 366.0% on a market value basis and the total required premium is not expected to exceed \$4.00 per member, per month for at least the next several years.

If you have any questions, please call the Employer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

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